

CLAIMS

1. Operating device for the controlled swinging of a portion of a cut tree trunk, comprising at least one slot 5 (44), characterized in that it comprises a body (10) provided with a screw thread (18), a head (12) movable in rotation relative to the body (10) and means (16) for driving the body (10) by the head (12).

10 2. Operating device for the controlled swinging of a portion of a cut tree trunk according to claim 1, characterized in that the body (10) is of conical shape.

15 3. Operating device for the controlled swinging of a portion of a cut tree trunk according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the drive means (16) comprise notches (26) provided in the body (10) and at least one ratchet (32) adapted to coact with these notches.

20 4. Operating device for the controlled swinging of a portion of a cut tree trunk according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that each ratchet (32) comprises a bevel (34).

25 5. Operating device for the controlled swinging of a portion of a cut tree trunk according to claim 4, characterized in that the ratchet (32) is connected in a support (36) disposed in the head (12) and movable between two positions 80° apart so as to be able to orient the 30 bevel (34).

6. Operating device for the controlled swinging of a portion of a cut tree trunk according to claim 5, characterized in that the support (36) comprises a lever (38) for manipulating this support (36).

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7. Operating device for the controlled swinging of a portion of a cut tree trunk according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it comprises a handle (40) for gripping and manipulating secured to the  
10 head (12).